

wherein the flexible membrane includes at least one perforation which opens at a selected extent of deformation of the flexible membrane to permit flow therethrough;

92 an inlet tube for providing, at least in part, a fluid flow path between a container and an inlet port of the valve arrangement; and

an outlet tube for providing, at least in part, a fluid flow path between an outlet of the valve arrangement and a patient.

913 14. (Amended) A method of providing a fluid to a patient comprising the steps of administering an effective amount of a fluid via a valve arrangement including a valve having a cracking pressure of approximately 0.10 to about 0.20 bar wherein the valve comprises a flexible membrane which is deformable under pressure in a desired flow direction, and wherein the flexible membrane includes at least one perforation which opens at a selected extent of deformation of the flexible membrane to permit flow therethrough.

914 17. (Amended) A method of treating a patient comprising the steps of administering a fluid from a container to a patient using a pump to propel the fluid via a valve arrangement including a valve having a cracking pressure of approximately 0.10 to about 0.20 bar wherein the valve comprises a flexible membrane which is deformable under pressure in a desired flow direction, and wherein the flexible membrane includes at least one perforation which opens at a selected extent of deformation of the flexible membrane to permit flow therethrough..

915 19. (Amended) A device for controlling the flow of a fluid from a container to a patient including a valve arrangement including a valve that is so constructed and arranged to prevent the flow of fluid to a patient at certain conditions, allow the flow of fluid to a patient at a cracking pressure, and allow a certain level of a free flow of fluid to the patient wherein the valve comprises a flexible membrane which is deformable under pressure in a desired flow direction, and wherein the flexible membrane includes at least one perforation which opens at a selected extent of deformation of the flexible membrane to permit flow therethrough.

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